

What's happening...

BRUCE CENTRE DISTRICT WI

This district has been busy this winter with various programs. In February, responding to Women's Institute month, the branches placed attractive and informative displays in store windows throughout the district. Leona Diebel, district public relations officer, reports the displays created a lot of interest and made people aware of the work of the WI.

At the end of February a workshop for executives was held in Burgoyne and a day-long program for members of the community, called A Day for You, was held in March in Underwood.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURE

Turn Your Skills Into Dollar\$ was the name of a winter program presented by Middlesex WSA. Designed to help the individual who has been exploring the idea of alternate methods of financial and personal gain, the program included a panel discussion and guest speakers. Participants went through a self-assessment of their strengths and learned how those strengths can be applied to a new career. Resume writing and interviewing were also covered, and the owner/operator of a flower shop in Thamesford spoke to the participants about setting up your own business.

GARNET WI, HALDIMAND WEST

Over the last few months, Garnet members have been involved in a variety of programs. The women viewed the National Film Board of Canada film *This Borrowed Land* which looks at the farming situation in British Columbia's Peace River district.

A binder on helpful teaching resources for food and agriculture topics was presented to the North Walpole School by Garnet WI to be placed in their library.

Acid rain was studied in the fall. And the members visited the studio of a local Indian artist.

SEYMOUR EAST WI, NORTHUMBERLAND

Heather Thompson, a member of



Lynn McLaughlin of Nestleton was the recipient of the Hoodless-Lee Scholarship for 1986. Pictured presenting Lynn (center) with her award are Luella Lewis, FWIO Board Director for Sub-division 8 (left) and Barb Weese, Rural Organization Specialist, Durham East.



Here are the recipients of the 1986 FWIO MacDonald Awards. Pictured from left to right are Susan Senior from London; Sharon Hartung from Gowanstown; Joyce Canning, co-ordinator of rural women, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Marcella Robbins from Coldwater; Margaret Munro, FWIO President; Marilyn Robinson, development officer, University of Guelph Alumni Affairs; Jennifer Bard from Thunder Bay; Dr. Richard Barham, Dean of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph. (Photo courtesy of the University of Guelph).

the 4-H club sponsored by Seymour East, was crowned Northumberland's Dairy Princess. The branch held a tea and bazaar in the fall.

GREY WI

Grey County Women's Institute presents two awards each year. The Grey County Rally award is given to individuals 15 to 25 years-old for meritorious service. This year the award was given to Murray McNabb, 20, a recent graduate of Centralia College of Agricultural Technology. Murray is active in the family beef and mixed farming operation, belongs to Junior Farmers and is a junior director of the Desboro Agricultural Society.

The county's second award, The Agnes MacPhail Award, was estab-

lished in 1958 and is given to two WI members in recognition of worthy service. This year's recipients are Viola Suttcliffe of Desboro WI and Mary Barfoot of Bluewater WI. The awards will be presented at the rally in August.

SANDHILL WI, PEEL NORTH

Members of Sandhill were proud when member Kay Sherman was recognized by the Town of Caledon for her 50 years of volunteer work in that community. As well as holding most executive positions within her branch, and some more than once, Kay has been involved in the federation of agriculture, 4-H, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Cancer Society, her church and other activities. Congratulations!